

# An Overview of Brownfields In Kansas

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# Kansas Brownfields Program

- Program Goals:
  - To ensure that contaminated properties are appropriately assessed, cleaned up, and reused
  - To return abandoned, idled, and underused properties to sustainable reuses and prevent the creation of new Brownfields and consumption of “Greenfield” lands
  - To preserve and enhance greenspace in industrial areas of the State for public recreational and cultural use





# Typical Brownfields in Kansas

- Abandoned gas station
- Abandoned grain elevator
- Former manufacturing facilities
- Property next to former rail lines
- Former school buildings
- Residential property next to suspected facilities
- The list can go on and on



# Brownfields in Kansas

- Often it is the PERCEPTION of contamination that keeps properties from being redeveloped, not the actual presence of contamination.
- Once the “stigma” is gone, properties can be returned to productive use.





# Kansas Brownfields Program

- Brownfields Targeted Assessments
  - Phase I and Phase II Assessments
- Brownfields Cleanup Grants
  - Conducted under KDHE's Voluntary Cleanup Program
- Technical Assistance to Communities
- Voluntary Cleanup Program
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Brownfield Tax Incentive



# Who is Eligible for Brownfields Targeted Assessments in Kansas?

- General Purpose Unit of Local Government
- Land Clearance Authorities
- Regional Councils
- Redevelopment Agencies
- Tribal Organizations
- Not-For Profit Organizations
- Other quasi-governmental agencies





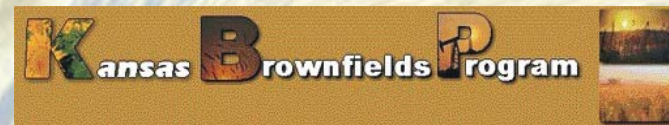
# Brownfields Targeted Assessments

- Conducted at sites where contamination is known or suspected based on past site activities
- Can be conducted at properties that municipalities are considering purchasing or selling for redevelopment
- Can be conducted at privately held properties where redevelopment will directly benefit the community (may differ from other states)



# What If...Then What???

- Brownfield Cleanup Grants \$25,000
- KDHE Storage Tank Program
- KDHE Drycleaning Trust Fund
- Voluntary Cleanup Program
- State Water Plan





# Wichita Water Walk





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# Chanute Movie Theater BTA



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# Derby Aquatic Park



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# DeSoto Boat Ramp and Park





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# Brownfields Assistance

- **Web Site:** <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/brownfield.htm>
- **Brownfields Listserv:**  
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